

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 768
By Coleman

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Joseph A. Little, Jr.
on being chosen as the 2004 honoree of the
Rutherford County American Heart Association
Gala.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Dr. Joseph A. Little, Jr., who because of his selfless acts of kindness and dedication to improving the lives of the children of Rutherford County as a physician, has been chosen as the 2004 honoree of the Rutherford County American Heart Association Gala; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the annual American Heart Association Gala is to educate the public, raise awareness, and raise funds in the fight against cardiovascular disease; honorees must be individuals who are survivors of cardiovascular disease, well-known in the local community, and are interested in helping educate and raise awareness about heart disease; and

WHEREAS, a survivor of two hypoxic strokes, two congenital heart conditions, and a condition which is thought to cause blood to clot too easily, Dr. Little is now in excellent health and has suffered very few lingering side effects; and

WHEREAS, hailing from a long line of physicians, Dr. Little serves with compassion and humanity as a pediatrician in Rutherford County and has gained much respect within the community for his estimable practice; and

WHEREAS, using his personal experience with cardiovascular disease, Dr. Little has been able to better relate to his patients and their families and, in turn, learn more about himself amid dealing with adversity; and

WHEREAS, a proud father and husband, Dr. Little is most grateful for the love and companionship of his wife Billie Little, who is the Founder and Executive Director of the Discovery Center at Murfree Spring, and their children Alex, Jonathan, and Beth Little; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Little epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Little for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dr. Joseph A. Little, Jr. on being chosen as the 2004 honoree of the Rutherford County American Heart Association Gala, saluting his exceptional service to the community and his dedication to the health and well-being of his fellow Tennesseans, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.